

## OPINION 839

## ANTHANASSA SCUDDER, 1875 (INSECTA, LEPIDOPTERA): DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

**RULING.**—(1) Under the plenary powers all designations of type-species for the nominal genus *Anthanassa* Scudder, 1875, made prior to the present Ruling are hereby set aside, and the nominal species *Melitaea texana* Edwards, 1863, is hereby designated to be the type of that genus.

(2) The generic name *Anthanassa* Scudder, 1875 (gender: feminine), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Melitaea texana* Edwards, 1863, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1780.

(3) The specific name *texana* Edwards, 1863, as published in the binomen *Melitaea texana* (type-species of *Anthanassa* Scudder, 1875) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2226.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1697)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Mr. F. Martin Brown in March 1965. Mr. Brown's application was sent to the printer on 20 May 1965 and was published on 13 August 1965 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 22 : 192-194. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 184) and to eight entomological serials. No comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 20 July 1967 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (67)32 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 22 : 193. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 20 October 1967 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-one (21), received in the following order: China, Holthuis, Vokes, Sabrosky, Lemche, Evans, Obruche, Boschma, Mayr, Brinck, Simpson, Tortonese, do Amaral, Uchida, Jaczewski, Mertens, Kraus, Binder, Alvarado, Ride, Forest.

Negative votes—one (1): Munroe.

Voting Papers not returned—one (1): Hubbs.

Commissioner Bonnet returned a late affirmative vote.

In returning his negative vote, Dr. E. G. Munroe made the following comment: "I believe that as Forbes has already followed one of the legitimate solutions of this dilemma, it will tend to increase confusion rather than to reduce it if the plenary powers are used to reverse his action."

## ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

*Anthanassa* Scudder, 1875, *Bull. Buffalo Soc. nat. Hist.* 2 : 268  
*texana*, *Melitaea*, Edwards, 1863, *Proc. ent. Soc. Philad.* 2 : 81

## CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (67)32 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 839.

W. E. CHINA

*Acting Secretary*

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*London*

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